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MEDIA BUREAU IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING OF FCC FORM 337

By this Public Notice the Media Bureau announces mandatory electronic filing for the following FCC Form:

- **FCC 337**-Application for Extension of Time to Construct a Digital Television Broadcast Station

Mandatory electronic filing will commence on September 3, 2002. Paper versions of this application form will not be accepted for filing on or after that date, unless accompanied by an appropriate request for waiver of the electronic filing requirement. Users can access the electronic filing system *via* the Internet from the Media Bureau's Web Site at:

<http://www.fcc.gov/mb>

Pursuant to the *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlining of Mass Media Applications, Rules and Processes*, 13 FCC Rcd 23056 (1998) (*Streamlining Order*), mandatory electronic filing was to commence six-months after a given form was made available for electronic use. By Public Notice released January 30, 2002, the Mass Media Bureau made available for electronic use FCC Form 337.

In the *Streamlining Order*, which announced the Commission's electronic filing requirement, the Commission recognized the need for limited waivers of this requirement in light of the "burden that electronic filing could place upon some licensees who are seeking to serve the public interest, with limited resources, and succeed in a highly competitive local environment." 13 FCC Rcd at 23061. However, such waivers will not be routinely granted and the applicant must plead with particularity the facts and circumstances warranting relief.

Instructions for use of the electronic filing system are available in the CDBS User's Guide which can be accessed from the electronic filing web site. Special attention should be given to the details of the applicant account registration function, form filing function, and the fee form handling procedures, if a fee is required.

Internet access to the CDBS public access system at the Commission's Web Site requires a user to have a browser such as Netscape version 3.04 or Internet Explorer version 3.51, or later.

For technical assistance in running the system or to report technical problems with the system, please contact the CDBS Help Desk at (202) 418-2662. To request additional information concerning FCC Form 337, please call (202) 418-1600.

By: Chief, Media Bureau

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